



John L. Salomone
Town Manager

TOWN OF NEWINGTON

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MAYOR MICHAEL LENARES

**Minutes – Tuesday, May 10, 2011
7:00 p.m.
Newington Town Hall – Helen Nelson Room**

I PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

II ROLL CALL

Councilors Present:

Councilor Banach
Councilor Bottalico
Councilor Casasanta
Councilor Cohen
Councilor Klett
Councilor McBride
Councilor Nagel
Councilor Nasinnyk
Mayor Lenares

Staff Present:

John Salomone, Town Manager
Ed Meehan, Town Planner
Ann Harter, Finance Director
Lisa Rydecki, Asst. Finance Director
Mary Richard, Council Clerk

III AWARDS/PROCLAMATIONS

A. Retirement – Gregg Breton, Assessment Technician II

WHEREAS, Gregg H. “Gregg” Breton began his career with the Town of Newington as Custodian II at Ruth Chaffee School on May 19, 1986; and

WHEREAS, Gregg was appointed to Head Custodian I at the Town Hall on December 26, 1989; and

WHEREAS, Gregg enrolled in the Local Government Management Program in June of 1993 and completed the program on June 22, 1995; and

WHEREAS, Gregg was awarded a Associates Degree in Business Administration on June 9, 1997 and graduated with Distinction; and

WHEREAS, Gregg was appointed to Assessment Aide in the Assessor’s Office on December 1, 1997; and

WHEREAS, Gregg was working on his Bachelors in Business Administration, Certified Connecticut Municipal Assessor I designation; and

WHEREAS, the Town Manager in a memo dated September 10, 1999 identified Gregg as a in-house candidate who through education and training could fulfill the GIS objectives in the future and become the in-house GIS specialist; and

WHEREAS, Gregg was appointed to GIS Coordinator on February 14, 2000; and

WHEREAS, Gregg was awarded his Bachelor’s Degree in Business Administration majoring in Management Information Systems on May 31, 2001; and

WHEREAS, Gregg was awarded the “GISP” Certification (Geographic Information Systems Professional) on January 25, 2005; and

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WHEREAS, Gregg was awarded the “CCMA I” designation (Certified Connecticut Municipal Assessor) on September 1, 2005; and
WHEREAS, Gregg was appointed as Assessment Technician II on October 2, 2008; and
WHEREAS, Gregg will retire from the Town of Newington to continue his education and seek new challenges;
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Newington Town Council expresses to Gregg H. Breton its profound gratitude for his many years of dedicated service to the Town; and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Newington Town Council congratulates him upon his retirement and conveys to him its best wishes for a future of health and happiness.

Mr. Breton said that none of this would have been possible with the help of four different Town Managers, and each one encouraged me to move forward. He thanked the Council and everyone who continued to encourage him. Councilor Casasanta said that having just met him this evening, Mr. Breton is a perfect example of what continuing education can provide and the students can learn a lot about how a person with perseverance can bring progress. She congratulated Mr. Breton and she could tell how very well respected he has been in the community. Councilor Nasinnyk said she hadn't met Mr. Breton before tonight but when reading through this proclamation she was very impressed with the progress he has made and it's the dedication he has to keep going forward and she congratulated him and thanked him for his service to our Town. Councilor Cohen said that Mr. Breton is a wonderful example of what can be accomplished with the drive to keep moving forward and congratulated Mr. Breton on his accomplishments. Councilor Bottalico said that Mr. Breton will be missed in the Assessor's office and that he looks too young to retire and hopes he keeps going.

MOTION BY: Mayor Lenares
SECONDED BY: Councilor Bottalico
VOTE: 9- 0

IV PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mrs. Jean McMann, 17 Copper Beach Lane – said she is here with concern about the development on the Mountain and she doesn't have any issues with any of the developers. She said she wants to see the Mountain totally undeveloped. She said she didn't grow up in Newington and doesn't share many of the emotional ties to that space as many do but recognizes that this has a meaningful place in the history of this Community. She believes that this is the time for our elected and appointed official to come together and feels strongly and appeals to this Council to come together and find a way to prevent development on the Mountain. She asked that the Council listen carefully to the voices of the Community who are asking to prevent development. She's hearing lots of voices to preserve this Mountain. She asks that the Council please come together and hear the request of the Community.

V. CONSIDERATION OF OLD BUSINESS

A. CL&P Easement, New Samaritan Elderly Housing Project

Mr. Salomone said this 8-24 report was approved at the last TPZ meeting and the easement is so CL&P could install the proper equipment needed.

WHEREAS, the Newington Town Council referred a proposed easement to be granted to the Connecticut Light & Power Company (CL&P) for placement of electrical line and transformer on approximately 2,900 square feet of Town property for service to the New Meadow Phase II Elderly Housing Project to the Town Plan and Zoning Commission for an 8-24 report on April 26, 2011; and
WHEREAS, the Newington Town Plan and Zoning Commission's 8-24 Referral report to the Town Council, dated April 27, 2011, expressed unanimous approval to report to the Town Council favorable support for the easement;
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Manager is authorized to enter into an agreement to grant an easement to CL&P as identified on the “Map Showing Easement Area to be Granted to the Connecticut Light and Power Company Across Property of New Meadow Elderly Housing, Inc., 50 Mill Street Extension”.

MOTION BY: Councilor Casasanta
SECONDED BY: Councilor Cohen
VOTE: 9 - 0

V.B. Sale of town-Owned Land to the State of CT – 690 Cedar Street

Mr. Salomone said that this was discussed at the last meeting and the motion failed for lack of five votes, falling in the area of Roberts Rules therefore he felt it proper to bring it back based on the request of a member of the Council who voted against the original resolution. He's said he would answer questions. He said that there are drainage easements beneficial for the Town of Newington, one particular on the North side of our property, National Welding and other locations so he believes that there is a benefit for the Town in making that property more developed. Mayor Lenares asked by granting these easements is it not only for the busway but for the National Welding site also. Mr. Salomone said also some of the drainage on the undeveloped side to the west of National Welding. Councilor Klett said that after the meeting she gave Mr. Meehan a call, and she said after her conversation with Mr. Meehan and Mr. Salomone she asked that this item be put back on, in any event the State would be taking the property, by eminent domain if need be, and she doesn't want to be responsible for holding back any development and after reconsideration she will support this motion tonight.

Councilor Cohen said that ultimately the State would take the property even if we would try to make a statement regarding the busway. She said it doesn't matter which way the vote goes but she is concerned about Roberts Rule. Five is needed by the Council and she feels that 4-4 does not constitute a prevailing vote on each side so there's no way to bring it up again. She feels that if we did this now the chances of it ever being challenged are near zero, but if there was ever a challenge she questions an illegal vote what would that do. Her only concern is that we don't do anything that might be considered illegal. Councilor Casasanta said that she was told this item wouldn't be put back on the agenda. She said that obviously Councilor Klett has more clout than Councilor Casasanta does. Her concern is if there might be legal costs and fees when the State takes the property. She said she wants people to get correct information as to whether an item can be put back on or not and that she, Councilor Casasanta did try to get this item put back on the agenda.

Councilor McBride said that this will be done regardless of our vote and he questioned the procedure of a vote defeated by four it can be brought up again but if a tie vote, it can never be readdressed. Mr. Salomone said it is still defeated, and he said that Mrs. Klett did get back to Mr. Meehan within 24 hours which is the window of reconsideration and thirdly he wasn't at the meeting and when coming back he felt it warranted being put back on. Councilor Klett said she wanted first of all that she, Councilor Klett doesn't have any more clout than Councilor Casasanta and the issue is that she doesn't have a lot of sympathy of the Dept. of Transportation considering the sympathy they have for us.

Councilor Nasinnyk asked if 690 Cedar is the property, because she has no information on anything adjacent and is this from the bridge part. Mr. Salomone said that this is adjacent to National Welding, in two areas, one area parallels that approaches the Town property which is 690. Another part is on the Northern side so both are involved in the busway including drainage. Councilor Nasinnyk asked if Mr. Salomone had any communication with the State. Mr. Salomone said that the implication that it would be taken by eminent domain, and one concern was the timing and to make sure our rights were preserved with the drainage easement. Councilor Klett said that she had a conversation with Councilor McBride and at this point it looks like it will happen, so it seems we should go ahead and pass this and to make it as accessible to the Town as possible.

Councilor Cohen said that even though we were told years ago that even opposing the busway, not to go on record as opposing because we want to be involved in the development process. Her concern is that this is a legal vote. Mr. Salomone said that the drainage would be involved, whether we would have the right to drain into their property because they could change their agreement and one other thing is that we were very much involved with them with 690 Cedar in making sure that any provisions they would have, that we would have access to that property. Councilor Nasinnyk noted that in second Resolution (V.B.2) could we add some verbiage regarding future developments. Mr. Meehan said that this could be done. Councilor Banach said he knows the interest of the Town in this area, he also doesn't have any sympathy for the State and that they need to get their own house in order and he feels that they don't show the slightest concern for the taxpayer. Councilor Klett said that if there is a meeting between the State and Mr. Salomone and the Town of Newington about this, the Council needs to be apprised of what's going on.

V.B.1 Allow Reconsideration of resolution No. 2011-53

WHEREAS, Maureen Klett is a member of the Town Council and was a member of the vote which rejected Town Council resolution no. 2011-53 on April 26, 2011; and

WHEREAS, a member of Council whose vote is on the prevailing side of a resolution is necessary to call for a reconsideration under Roberts Rules of Order;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Councilor Klett, as a member of the prevailing vote, hereby requests on behalf of the Council a reconsideration of resolution 2011-53 for the sale of an easement of a parcel of Town-owned property located at 690 Cedar to the Connecticut Department of Transportation.

MOTION BY: Councilor Klett

SECONDED BY: Councilor Bottalico

VOTE: 9 – 0

2. Reconsider Sale of Town-Owned Land to the State

WHEREAS, the State of Connecticut Department of Transportation has offered to purchase an easement to slope for drainage, drainage rights of way, rights to grade and rights to install sedimentation control as shown on “Town of Newington Map Showing Easement Acquired by the State of Connecticut Department of Transportation, New Britain – Hartford Busway, Scale 1” = 40’, December 2006” on Town property located on 690 Cedar Street; and

WHEREAS, this easement is required by the State to construct the abutting busway and Cedar/Fenn Station; and any future development of Town property in this geographic area.

WHEREAS, the State has offered a purchase price of \$5,200 for said property; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Newington’s Assessor has reviewed the offer and found it to be reasonable; and

WHEREAS, the Newington Town Plan and Zoning Commission’s 8-24 Referral report to the Town Council expressed approval to report to the Town Council favorable support for the conveyance;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Manager is authorized to enter into an agreement with the State of Connecticut Department of Transportation for the sale of the above easements on Town owned property at 690 Cedar Street to the State of Connecticut for the sum of \$5,200 and the confirmation that the Town will have public access to 690 Cedar Street from the abutting Cedar/Fenn busway station to Fenn Road.

MOTION BY: Councilor Nasinnyk

SECONDED BY: Councilor Nagel

VOTE: 8 – 1 (Councilor Cohen voted no)

C. Discussion: Long Range CIP

Finance Director Ann Harter and Deputy Finance Director Lisa Rydecki were present - Mayor Lenares said to Ms. Harter that we only approve one year at a time and sometimes things passed can change in the future. Ms. Harter said that each department would put in their plan and each year we re-do. Councilor Nasinnyk said that we only approved the 2011 – 2012 budget, but we are required to develop a long range plan to get the grants but not tying the hands of any future Council. Councilor Banach asked Ms. Harter the about the meaning of LCIP and Ms. Harter said that it is Local Capital Improvement Program. Councilor Bottalico said he doesn’t know why this is being discussed this year, there will probably be a different Council next year. Councilor Cohen said that this book is Council approved. And she has requested that if we approve it, we should know what’s in it. She said that this year we able to put \$25,000 into the Land Acquisition fund and based on that we allocated the entire book with some changes and with the initial five year proposed a lot of changes leaving a lot of changes for the future. Based on the fact that we put \$25,000 aside, maybe Mr. Salomone decided that \$25,000 would be set aside each year for land acquisition. She feels that this is a discouraging message that the next four or five years we’re only planning considering setting aside \$25,000 for land acquisition and this amount won’t address the issue and in any case we should look through the document. Mayor Lenares said that the \$25,000 is not going to be put aside each year. Councilor Cohen said that the \$25,000 is a ridiculous amount and should be changed for future land acquisition. Councilor Casasanta considering the Cedar Mountain property, which is privately owned property and the Council does not have any authority.

Councilor Klett said that she was not comfortable voting on something that hadn’t been discussed and had no idea of what the plan was, and also what land is left after Cedar Mountain goes. Councilor Bottalico said there’s nothing we can buy with maybe \$117,000 available today, and we will never have the money to buy Cedar Mountain and he thinks it’s a mute point. Mayor Lenares said that the discussion tonight should be about the long range plan. Councilor Bottalico said then let’s discuss the \$200,000 taken out of CIP.

Councilor Banach said that regarding Cedar Mountain, because it's a big issue and regardless of this Council or the next Council he asked Ms. Harter if there is anything we can do about Cedar Mountain because it requires a lot of money. He doesn't want to just pass it on to the next Council, and we might be able to do something if we look at our options. Mayor Lenares said he doesn't want to examine every line in the document knowing that there will be changes. Ms. Harter gave a brief explanation of the document, and explained each part of the table and presented a complete description and a copy of the entire five year plan, and each line expense has a complete explanation.

Councilor Nagel asked who makes the decisions as to what year and what will be handled as a project. Ms. Harter said that each department is asked to submit a list of priorities for their department then the Town Manager and Ms. Harter and Lisa will discuss how to fit that into the 6.3 million dollars and move along. Councilor Nagel asked if the CIP committee has further input. Ms. Harter said at the first couple of meetings we talk about all the project and then we just concentrate on the year at hand. What doesn't make it that year it gets shifted to the next years. Councilor Klett said that this something the entire Council needs to listen to and determine the priorities and she knows in Councils past that this has been discussed. Mr. Salomone said that the key item goes back to page 1 in trying to fit into the 6.3 million each year and look at all the projects and keep it consistent, things change. Mayor Lenares said he doesn't want to spend too much time on this, and doesn't want the Council to get stuck on this now. Councilor Nasinnyk said that the Council hasn't had the opportunity to hear what's down the road, we've even had people from the public asking what's gong on. Councilor Klett feels that the long range plan should be discussed by the entire Council, not by just three members, when talking about the budget and when talking long range and time frame should not be something left to three members. Councilor Bottalico asked why this should be discussed tonight and if we should come with a bond, then what happens. Mr. Salomone said that what you see, looking at page 1 you'll see that the further on we go there's speculation. There are three trends, one trend is to try to keep the Public Works consistent throughout the five year cycle. Secondly the general government vacillates in what projects in that year. Third there are major investments down the road, looking 2014 – 2015 there is almost 4 million dollars invested in parks, and there will be lot of discussion on pools etc. Councilor Casasanta said she thinks that going through this year by year this is just rehashing what we already know. Mayor Lenares suggested that everyone look at the document where there is a full explanation of each line item. Councilor Klett said that there is no way to say who is at fault for it not being on the agenda and in her opinion it was handled poorly.

Councilor Nagel said for every year projected there are also street names. Mayor Lenares said that the streets listed would take the most needed roads/streets as priority. Councilor Bottalico asked when would be a good time to see an update on the Appendix Page of Capital Projects. Ms. Harter said that it will be updated in September, with a lot of activity in the fall. Mr. Salomone said that there is a description on the left side of the booklet for each project. Councilor Cohen said that this is an excellent document. Councilor Casasanta said she was concerned with the time needed for it. Councilor Cohen said that when we vote on the budget, it's made clear that we're only voting on that one year, but also made the point that we are accepting this document as our plan. Councilor Nasinnyk said that she appreciated the work done by Ms. Harter and her staff and she believes it should be available so the public can be kept aware of what's happening. Mr. Salomone said that if there are questions, usually he takes the calls or he will get the caller to the appropriate person for answers.

VI. CONSIDERATION OF NEW BUSINESS

A. Year End Transfers

Ms. Harter said that there is an overage in the Highway Department due to the harsh winter of about \$10,000. over budget and also asked to increase the material budget in the amount of about \$20,000. Those funds could come from Sanitation Department which has the money from the single stream recycling program. So the \$30,000 is available to transfer to the Highway Department. She said the other transfers are basically to cover the financial impact of OPEB trust that we opened, which liability is \$20,000,000 and our portion is 7.4 million which is very modest and we're fortunate to contribute of \$683,000 toward this amount. She would also like to move about \$500,000 from our Health Benefit Fund to the OPEB Trust and she said that if there are any unspent appropriations that they be transferred to the OPEB Trust. Mayor Lenares asked regarding the Highway Department shortage if this transfer occurred, what would we be doing. Ms Harter said that it would probably come from the road aid account.

VI.B Suspense List

Mr. Salomone said that this is something done each year, by taking a portion of taxes that are uncollectible which doesn't mean we still don't try to collect it just goes into a different category. Councilor Bottalico asked where we stand on delinquent taxes, is there a rough figure. He said that he doesn't want to see happen again as what happened with National Welding. He asked how far do we let the property owners get in arrears. Mr. Salomone said that our collection rate is over 98% so we have less than 2% per year. He said that are larger and smaller ones in fact we will be looking at a "Tax Sale" to put more pressure on delinquencies and the town can sell the property for back taxes, usually people don't want to lose the property so they'll pay the taxes.

VI.C UPDATE: BLIGHT ORDINANCE

Town Attorney Ben Ancona and Town Planner Ed Meehan were present and Mr. Salomone gave a brief description of our Blight Ordinance now but is very ineffectual, and only affects vacant properties but does not affect a nuisance property in a neighborhood. The new code allows the Town to look at properties that may look unsightly, like lawn or a health hazard and the other part is if the owner were disobeying instructions can be fined and with due process the Town can remedy the situation and lien the property for the amount of the tax. Councilor Cohen said that she is concerned with the fact that there may be people who are not improving the outside of their homes because of a money issue or an absentee landlord on a rental property and through no fault of their own cannot keep up the appearance. Also she said asked what is considered 'blight', like a broken driveway but her concern is for the people who cannot afford to do it and may need some help. Mr. Salomone said that there was a task force looking into these issues, he said that what this does is allow the owner to try to remedy the situation as best they can. This gives us the option to do this that's really blight in any area and some neighbors are less sympathetic than others so we have to balance both sides. Mr. Ancona said that Councilor Cohen is right in that there may be an elderly couple who just isn't capable of maintaining the yard and he wanted to come before this body this can be a huge legislature and affect most people most profoundly, it may be that the owner just can fix that ugly door. He said that we have to live together in the community and how do we find that balance. He said that this document is not perfect and we're looking to the Council for help. What the document should do is protect the citizens against unreasonable people. Mr. Salomone said it's time to get the draft to the Town Council and there's a lot of work involved in this. He said there's not a week goes by without some kind of complaint, a health code violation, and we have very little we can do to encourage neighborhoods to maintain a level of standard.

Mayor Lenares asked who enforces this, and Mr. Ancona said that the complaint would usually go through the Town Manager's office and then dispatched to the proper people. Mayor Lenares said that he doesn't want random citations or fines going out because there may be any number of reasons why the property is looking poorly and every situation is different. Councilor Klett said she doesn't feel like the Mayor and she said when going door to door and having residents show concern about properties they have to live next to. She said that the reason for the ordinance in the first place was for the properties that people have allsorts of things hanging around, cars in the front yard etc and with the illness 'hoarding' and it's not fair for someone who has to live next door to an arrangement like that when they do take care of their own property. She believes that we have to consider taking care of those who need assistance, with illness etc. Mayor Lenares said he agrees but doesn't want it to get out of hand. He said that people want to come to Newington, for the education and it's a clean town and he doesn't want a situation where someone gets a knock on the door about the appearance of their property. Councilor Klett said that there are those who don't care about their personal property and don't care what their neighbors may think.

Councilor McBride said that sometimes there's an illness or times it's someone who may not be able to, maybe embarrassed, and this ordinance will allow us to help someone like that. He did question if this will cost the Town money with more hours, and sometimes it's just a matter of lending someone a hand, maybe because the owner may be too proud to ask or doesn't know where to go for help. Mr. Meehan said that there is a provision with a letter to the property owner with agencies available for help. He said that very often he gets calls about various complaints. Councilor Bottalico said that he had a complaint about a pool that deteriorated and couldn't afford to take the pool down so the Town did it. Mr. Salomone said that this was a major problem with water contamination, a breeding ground for vermin, mosquitoes and a safety issue and ultimately the Town had to eliminate the danger. He said there are three different areas, there are blatant disregard for the neighbors, there are people having financial issues, also absentee property owners and the new category of an out of town holder who doesn't do a good job of maintenance. This is one aspect to give us another tool to deal with these things but we need more tools to address it if we can.

Councilor Nasinnyk said that this proposal is dated August of 2008, which she hopes this is not the date this proposal was drafted. Mr. Salomone said no, it started way before that and continued long after. Mr. Ancona said

that he has another issue regarding a pool and this involves a lot of work. He said that there is currently an issue based on similar circumstances where the home owner is challenging 8-12 and saying that what should take place is a search warrant to actually to find some violation to begin with. Councilor Bottalico asked about the \$100 fine and how long does this go on before any legal action is taken and is there a time frame. Mr. Ancona said that at that point we can get a court order. Councilor Nagel asked from a legal aspect, having to do with a warning letter or citation do we need this ordinance need to have more heat or more definition and how much do you think needs to be done and what should be avoided. Mr. Ancona said this is legislation and it's how you feel about it is important as long as we don't run awry of any statute we'll be fine. He said he's not quite sure how far we can go. There has to be some sort of discretion.

VI.D Discussion: Town Attorney Agreement

Mr. Salomone submitted a memo and asked for questions regarding the memo. Councilor Klett said that there are details in the agreement that we should budget for the Town Attorney, she is concerned that we set a certain figure we don't know whether we're getting a good bang for our buck. She thinks the Council should get a breakdown on what happening. She said there are other attorneys still involved in issues. Mayor Lenares said that one Town Attorney has a case during the election process, that attorney has a case and that one is gone. Mr. Salomone said that the other attorney had a case and that case was worked out between the two attorneys. Councilor Nasinnyk said that we, the Council, don't know what you do and it would be nice to know some details about what's going on. Mr. Salomone said there could be some kind of report on what the Town Attorney is doing, with no specifics, maybe on a quarterly basis. Councilor Cohen asked what happens if there is a conflict and we need another attorney. Mr. Salomone said it comes from the general fund, not related to Mr. Ancona's fee. Mayor Lenares asked how long is this agreement we have in place. Mr. Salomone said it's around (inaudible – four people talking)

Councilor Casasanta wanted to make a couple of comments while Attorney Ancona is here, regarding the article about whether he could represent her and he could not, she felt that harm was done to her credibility. She was given incorrect advice. She said that this action is still going forward and is looking into contacting another attorney. She feels that even though the Council didn't agree with her issues, we are a political body but should function as a unit. She feels that her credibility was damaged. She said that Attorney Ancona had done a very good job and thanked him but this issue is very important to her. Mayor Lenares reminded Councilor Casasanta that this issue is not an item on this agenda. (Inaudible due to several people speaking at once) Councilor Klett said that Attorney Ancona has represented us well and as a Council we have no knowledge of who's being paid for what so she would like an update and know what's being paid for what. Councilor Cohen said that this came up as we were doing the budget that we came across the Attorney fees and nothing to do with Councilor Casasanta's request. Councilor McBride said we really don't know what services are rendered by the Attorney nor what is paid for which service and some kind of report would be helpful. Attorney Ancona said that considering an hourly rate would not be the better way to go, simple because of the volume of calls, and office visits it would be impossible to determine the number of hours spent. Councilor Cohen said that we never looked at an hourly rate and it was decided that is would be a bad decision, and this system works fine as long as we agree.

VII. RESIGNATIONS/APPOINTMENTS - NONE

VIII MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

- A. Regular meeting – April 26, 2011 Councilor Bottalico moved to accept. Councilor Klett seconded.
Vote 9 – 0 to approve

IX WRITTEN/ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE TOWN MANAGER, OTHER TOWN AGENCIES AND OFFICIALS, OTHER GOVERNMENTAL AGENCIES AND OFFICIALS AND THE PUBLIC

- A. Town Manager Reports - None

X. COUNCIL LIAISON/COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councilor Nagel reported that he had attended the NCTV meeting and they're working on their 25th anniversary which is on June 25th, which is a Saturday and plan on refreshment, open house and a live broadcast. Also he went to the Library Board meeting and was asked to inform the public of some things, they will be closing after May 15th on Sundays. The Friends of the Library recently had a book sale which resulted in \$18,000 to their budget. Also the Library has a road race starting at 9 AM on May 15th and folks can register for this event they

can call 860-665-8700 or go on the web site for more information. Also the Friends of the Library are sponsoring a golden gala on June 18th and open to the public, open at 6:30, admission is \$45. per person and for more details you can call the Library.

XI PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - NONE

XII REMARKS BY COUNCILORS

Councilor Bottalico was unaware that the Library was closing on Sundays and was that considered in the budget. Mr. Salomone said it has nothing to do with the budget, they always close on Sundays.

Councilor Klett said that the Inland Wetland Agency is the Conservation Commission so on May 17th there is a meeting and will there be a conversation on Cedar Mountain. Also she mentioned the member of the public, Ms. Harlow who had asked to us to follow up on the Eastern CT Environmental and we did get a memo from Mr. Salomone that they are recognizing things that conversation initiate this request and she hopes for feedback. Also she said that there would be meeting at 5:30 PM before the next Council meeting and asked the Town Manager to make sure that gets posted on the next Agenda.

Council Cohen reminded everyone of the TPZ meeting on May 25th and on May 17th there are two public hearings at 7 PM.

Councilor Nagel said that he and Councilor Cohen had attended a Volunteer dinner at the Senior & Disabled Center and congratulated Diane Stone and her staff for another successful event.

Councilor McBride said he took part in the first event for the Irish American celebration at Constitution Square, it will be happening outside but in June, July and August possibly through October. Typically this will go to a couple of different charities, with live music and lots of other events, with corn beef and cabbage and other types of foods. It's a great way to help some charities and will be on June 2nd from 5 to 10 PM.

Mayor Lenares said that he attended the Newington Park & Rec Golf tournament and was an excellent day with 110 golfers at Indian Hill and thanked the group and staff for putting on this very successful event.

XIII ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Bottalico moved to adjourn at 10:15p.m. Seconded by Councilor Cohen. Vote 9 – 0

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary Richard
Council Clerk